

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 13 December 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed on 2 February 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in light of the amendment.

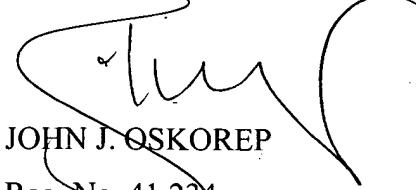
In the Office Action of 23 August 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 39-50 and indicated the allowability of objected claims 17, 19, 23, 27, 30, and 32 merely as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, the Applicant again respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's assessment of these claims 39-50 and submits that the present invention defined by such claims should be provided with a broad scope of coverage as warranted by law.

In the same Office Action, the Examiner rejected other claims of the patent application under 35 U.S.C. Sect. 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,613,213 to Naddell et al. in combination with other references such as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0192301 to Shi and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0069019 to Schwinkle. In response, the Applicant respectfully disagrees as argued earlier.

However, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-38 in order to expedite allowance of claims 39-50. As apparent, no new issues have been presented and no substantial effort or involvement by the Examiner is needed for this amendment. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

Thank you. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned if necessary to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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